



The Boy Who Bounced and Other Magic Tales

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New Zealander Margaret Mahy has written an interesting collection of stories but the standard varies greatly. Some seemed rather banal but there were also gems like 'The Merry Go Round', 'The Witch Doctor' and the delightful 'Looking for a Ghost'. The stories are rooted in folk lore, with plenty of description and interesting twists at the end. Certainly juniors would enjoy them, though the *simple* tales would suit top infants better. Anomalies like flowering foxgloves at Christmas might be noticed, but the New Zealand link is not that obvious. Shirley Hughes' illustrations enhance the stories so on balance I would stock this.

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